

MEMORANDUM

MONROE COUNTY PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT We strive to be caring, professional and fair

To:

Planning Commission

From:

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Through:

Townsley Schwab, Acting Sr Director of Planning & Environmental Resources 19

Date:

September 16, 2008

Subject:

NROGO Year 16.2 Non-Residential Floor Area Evaluation Report

Meeting Date: September 24, 2008

I BACKGROUND:

Monroe County Code, Section 9.5-124.6 NROGO establishes the procedure for allocating the non-residential floor area. The "maximum annual allocation", and the distribution between the first and second allocation dates, will be determined by the Board of County Commissioners upon the recommendations of the Planning Director and the Planning Commission. The commercial floor area that is not made available, or that remains unused, in the current year will be carried forward.

There were 133,540 square feet of non-residential floor area available for allocation at the beginning of Year 16 (July 2007-July 2008). At the Planning Commission meeting of September 26, 2007 the Director of Planning recommended 35,000 square feet of floor area to be made available for the Year 16 NROGO allocations. The 35,000 is awarded in two allocations. The first allocation of 17,500 square feet is awarded in January 2008, and the second allocation of 17,500 square feet is awarded in July 2008. No allocation for any one single applicant is to be awarded for greater than 2,500 square feet. The Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 410-2007 confirming the Planning Commissions recommendation.

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On March 15, 2006, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 011-2006 to implement the Tier System, and subsequently, it was challenged by Florida Keys Citizens Coalition, Inc. and Protect Key West and the Florida Keys, Inc., d/b/a Last Stand. Thomas G. Pelham, Secretary, Department of Community Affairs signed the final order deciding the challenge on September 26, 2007. No appeal was taken by the parties, therefore, based on the date of the final order Period 1, Year 16 applicants have been scored in accordance with the Tier System criteria.

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The Tier System, made changes such as separate districts for allocation distribution, basis of scoring applications, and administrative relief. The new districts are as follows: A) Lower, Middle, & Upper Keys and B) Big Pine/No Name Key are the subareas for NROGO.

Additional background specific to the Big Pine/No Name Key Sub-area:

- 1) In 1998, the Florida Department of Transportation, Monroe County, the Florida Department of Community Affairs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission signed a Memorandum of Agreement to develop a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the Key Deer and other protected species in the project area.
- 2) The Livable Communikeys Program (LCP), Master Plan for Future Development of Big Pine Key and No Name Key was adopted on August 18, 2004 under Ordinance 029-2004. The LCP envisioned 47,800 square feet of commercial floor area over the next twenty years to be used for infill and expansion of existing businesses. Development is limited to Tier III disturbed and scarified uplands. Based on the above commercial area square footage envisioned to be released over the twenty year horizon, approximately, 2,390 square feet of floor area could be made available per year.
- 3) On September 22, 2005, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance 025-2005 which revised NROGO to utilize the Tier overlay as the basis for the competitive point system to implement goal 105 of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan. The ordinance became effective on February 5, 2006.
- 4) On June 9, 2006, the Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit was issued to 1) Monroe County, Growth Management Division, 2) Florida Department of Transportation, and 3) Florida Department of Community Affairs for the Threatened and Endangered Species Incidental Take Permit (ITP) since the permittees have defined the geographic area covered by their Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) on Big Pine/No Name Key. The ITP requires the Permittees to ensure that the take of the covered species is minimized and mitigated. The Permittees are responsible for meeting the terms and conditions of the ITP and implementing the HCP. Pursuant to the LCP Action Item 9.2.4 the County will create a mitigation fee for new residences, non-residential floor area, and institutional uses in order to ensure that development bears its fair share of the required mitigation under the Federal ITP #TE083411-0.
- 5) On November 14, 2007, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 044-2007 deferring residential and non-residential allocations on Big Pine/No Name Key until a mitigation ordinance is adopted or for two months from December 1, 2007. Ordinance 044-2007 has expired.

- 6) On May 6, 2008, the Planning Commission made a recommendation not to approve the Big Pine/No Name Key Mitigation Ordinance and forwarded their recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for review.
- 7) On August 20, 2008, the Growth Management Division withdrew the proposed Big Pine / No Name Key Mitigation Ordinance from the Board of County Commissioners' agenda. The Growth Management Division is exploring the concept of regulatory conservation to meet or exceed the 3:1 mitigation required by the Incidental Take Permit.

II AMOUNT OF FLOOR AREA REQUESTED:

There are eight (8) applicants requesting commercial floor area for the Year 16.2 July allocation. There are six (6) applicants in the Lower/Middle/Upper area and two (2) applicants in the Big Pine/No Name Key area. The applicant's score is broken down by scoring criteria.

Total Available for Y 16	35,000 SF
Available Allocation for 1 st period	17,500 SF
Total SF Allocated for 1 st period:	4 1 1 0 CF
Total SF Allocated for 1 period:	4,110 SF
Total SF Remaining	13,390 SF
Total Available for Y16 2nd	30,890 SF
Lower Keys:	2,535 SF
Big Pine/No Name Keys	3,809 SF
Upper Keys:	<u>7,484 SF</u>
Total SF Requested:	13,828 SF

Special note regarding the allocation of non-residential floor area on Big Pine Key: The Planning & Environmental Resources Department has determined a total of 7,181 square feet of non-residential floor area has been allocated on Big Pine Key. The actual non-residential allocations were made from 2005-2007. The count of residential units and non-residential square footage begins April 2003, from the adoption of the HCP.

Based on the adoption date of the HCP, an estimated 2,390 square feet of floor area could be made available per year, thus by July 2008 a total of 11,950 square feet of floor area could have been potentially allocated less 7,181 which has already been allocated on Big Pine Key prior to this allocation period. The balance available based on this analysis is 4,769 square feet of floor area available thru July 2008. In conclusion the goals set on Big Pine Key are within the desired limits.

III EVALUATION AND RANKING:

 The evaluation of the allocation applications was performed by the Planning and Environmental Resources Departments according to the provisions of the Non-Residential Rate of Growth Ordinance (NROGO). Positive and negative points were granted in compliance with the evaluation criteria contained in Section 9.5-124.8 (a) and the Land Development Regulations.

Based on the total points scored, each allocation was ranked. If applications received identical scores, they were ranked by date and time first, and further ranked based on the applicants with the fewest negative points on the same day.

IV <u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>

Based on the proceeding, the Acting Sr. Director Planning & Environmental Resources recommends the following NROGO allocations of Year 16.2 be awarded as follows for period 2:

<u>Lower/Upper Keys</u>: Applicants ranked one (1) through six (6), requesting a total of 10,019 square feet of floor area;

Big Pine/No Name Key: Applicants ranked one (1) through two (2), requesting a total of 3,809 square feet of floor area to be released based on mitigation available from Monroe County.

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NON-RESIDENTIAL (NROGO) ALLOCATION RANKING PROPOSED BY ACTING SR. DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES LOWER, MIDDLE, UPPER KEYS EXCLUDING BIG PINE/NO NAME KEY YEAR 16.2 (JANUARY 15, 2008 TO JULY 14, 2008)

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NON-RESIDENTIAL (NROGO) ALLOCATION RANKING PROPOSED BY ACTING SR. DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES BIG PINE/NO NAME KEY YEAR 16.2 (JANUARY 15, 2008 TO JULY 14, 2008)

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